able on small concentrations of oil slicks endangering marine life although minute floating plant and animals life at the surface do get affected.

(c) Control of oil pollution arising due to the operation of ships is being dealt with under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958. The anti-pollution provisions of this Act are reviewed periodically and rules are made more and more stringent to discourage the release of residual oil from the oil tankers close to the Indian coast. The International Convention MARPOL 1973 and its protocol of 1978 also provide regulations to control oil pollution arising from ships. Due to ratification of MARPOL 73/78 by many tanker operating countries, it is expected that the oil pollution due to the operation of oil tankers will decrease in future.

Ores in the coastal area of Andhra Pradesh

*138. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are some valuable ores in the coastal area of Andhra Pradesh that are useful for Atomic Energy; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to dig out the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Parts of coastal stretches of Andhra Pradesh contain heavy minerals. Atomic Minerals Division of Department of Atomic Energy has been conducting field and laboratory investigations viz., survey, sampling and estimation of heavy minerals in the beach sands of parts of the Andhra Pradesh Coast. Exploitation of these deposits may be taken up should the results of the above studies so warrant.

सिंचाई योजनाओं के लिए अतिरिक्त धनराशि

*139. **श्री संतोष बागड़ोदिया :** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या योजना आयोग ने सूखा राहत कार्यक्रम के अधीन विभिन्न राज्यों को अनेक सिंचाई योजनाओं के लिये अतिरिक्त धनराशि मंजूर की है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त कार्यक्रम के अधीन राजस्थान को सिंचाई योजनाओं के लिये कितनी अतिरिक्त धनराशि मंजूर की गई है ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्री तथा जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) :

(क) योजना आयोग ने वर्ष 1987-88 में सूखे से प्रभावित 14 राज्यों के लिये सूखा राहत कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत प्रारम्भ किये जाने वाले सिंचाई कार्यों के लिये अतिरिक्त परिव्यय स्वीकृत किया है।

(ख) राजस्थान के लिये स्वीकृत अतिरिक्त परिव्यय की धनराशि 37.50 करोड़ रुपये की है।

Indo-US technology collaboration

*140. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has shown keen interest in US technology;

(b) if so, whether any team visited US in this regard;

(c) what are the areas on which US Technology will be imported;